It's Sunday morning, it's 9:45 and you are listening to WUJC , 88.7 FM and that can mean only one thing. It's time once again for the English language portion of the Lithuanian Voice Radio Program. Good morning on this the 25th day of December, 1994. A special welcome and Merry Christmas greeting to the Knights of Lithuania and their families.

Let's take a short break, but don't go away, because when we come back we'll have a language lesson, news from Radio Free Europe and BALT-L as well as local community events, so please stay with us…

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As a service to our English speaking listeners, we present this summary of the week's news stories from Lithuania as well as items of local interest, read in English.

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LITHUANIAN LOCAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD 25 MARCH. The Lithuanian Seimas on 15 December voted 59 to 10 with 15 abstentions to set the date of local elections for 25 March. Candidates are to be nominated by political organizations and the winners determined by a proportional system. The parliament also ratified Lithuania's free trade agreement with Ukraine by a vote of 74 to one. President Algirdas Brazauskas nominated Pranas Kuris and Vladas Nikitinas as chairman of the Lithuanian Supreme Court and prosecutor-general, respectively. -- Saulius Girnius, RFE/RL, Inc.

LITHUANIAN SUPREME COURT CHAIRMAN APPOINTED. The Lithuanian Seimas on 20 December voted unanimously to approve President Algirdas Brazauskas's nomination of Pranas Kuris as chairman of the Lithuanian Supreme Court. The 56-year-old Kuris was justice minister from 1977 to 1990, ambassador to Belgium, and from April 1994 a judge at the European Human Rights Court. Saulius Girnius, RFE/RL Inc.